of many other factors and not on account of the poison. I cannot admit that statement. Though I am not a doctor, I have gone through some literature on the subject. Therefore will the Government please look into the matter and appoint a Minister. (Laughter.) Yes, Government should appoint Minister to look after the old type of treatment."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is welcome to cherish his belief, Sir. I do not know what exactly he wants."

*Poramboke and barren lands.*

* 1879 *Q*.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of poramboke and barren lands in Padangi, Kariyanur and Pasumbalur villages of Perambalur taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—

| | Poramboke. ACS. | Barren lands. ACS. |
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| " Padalur .. .. .. | 754 | 753 |
| Kariyanur .. .. | 499 | 499 |
| Pasumbalur .. .. | 592 | 577 " |

*Bridge across the Cooum river.*

* 1880 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri M. Dharmalingam, is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether construction of a bridge across the Cooum River near the Tiruvallur Railway station has been taken up;

(*b*) if so, the total estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) when this work was started; and

(*d*) when it will be completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 2·86 lakhs.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The work was commenced on 17th August 1954 and is expected to be completed by the end of August 1955."

*Hostel of Harijan students.*

* 1881 *Q*.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 12th July 1954, requesting them to open a hostel for the Harijan students studying in the Board High School, Chinnasalem;